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Acumenics Research & Technology, Inc.  
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Suite 200  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Attention: 104(e) Task

Re: Your File No. 3HW14 -  
Request for information pursuant to Section 104 of CERCLA  
and Section 3007 of RCRA for the Artel Chemical Site,  
Nitro, West Virginia

Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to the letter dated April 20, 1989 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency addressed to International Playtex, Inc. in Dover, Delaware.


Playtex Apparel, Inc., and its predecessors ("Playtex"), purchased a compound known as ELC60 from Artel from 1980 to September 1987. ELC60 was used by Playtex in the manufacture of latex.

Playtex has no relationship with Artel, other than as a purchaser of ELC60. We manufactured no products for Artel, sold no material to Artel, performed no services for Artel, and did not make available to Artel equipment, personnel, ingredients or scientific information.

Playtex has no connection whatsoever with the Artel Chemical Site in Nitro, West Virginia. We accepted delivery of ELC60 from Artel in Dover, Delaware, and used that product in our manufacturing process in Dover, Delaware. Playtex does not now, and never has, owned or operated a manufacturing facility in West Virginia or shipped any material, hazardous or not, to the Artel Chemical Site in Nitro, West Virginia.

Should further correspondence be necessary, please direct same to my attention.

Very truly yours,

  
Melvin L. Ortner

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Playtex Int'l, Inc. Playtex Holdings, Inc. Playtex Services Corp.

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